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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Rudolf Müller  
Serial No. : 09/029425  
Docket No. : 60,152-865  
Filed : September 25, 1996  
Title : METHOD OF INSERTING A FASTENER ELEMENT, BOTH  
ELEMENT, RIVETING DIE AND COMPONENT ASSEMBLY

GROUP: 5621

Examiner: Tonya Lee

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**IMPROPER NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231


Dear Sir:

A Notification of Abandonment was improperly issued regarding the above-identified patent application based upon the alleged failure of the Applicant to respond to the MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed December 10, 1998. The documents requested in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated December 10, 1998 were filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 1998. A copy of the Response to File Missing Parts of Application, the enclosed Combined Declaration and the attorney's postcard are attached.

Therefore, this application should not have been abandoned by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and withdrawal of the Notification of Abandonment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the attached **Improper Notification of Abandonment** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on **July 7, 2000**.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Rudolf Muller  
Serial Number: 09/029,425  
Filed: March 4, 1998  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Title: Method Of Inserting A Fastener Element, Both Element,  
Riveting Die And Component Assembly

**RESPONSE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
**FILING DATE GRANTED**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

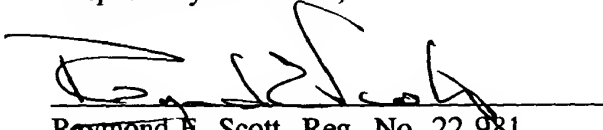
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated December 10, 1998, applicant is submitting herewith the required Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63.

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted as requested, together with a Verified Statement By Assignee Claiming Small Entity Status. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$65.00 for payment of the required surcharge.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dated: 12/14/98

Enclosures

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